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Weekly Weather Crop Report

Week ending October 8, 2006

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 8, 2006**. Dry conditions have allowed producers to speed up their harvesting activities. However, winter crops that have been planted are not emerging as well as many hoped due to a lack of moisture. Armyworms have been reported in many fields and are damaging grazing crops. Because of the dry weather, pasture conditions are deteriorating again, causing some cattlemen to consider feeding hay that was stored for the winter. Soil moisture was rated 32 percent very short, 38 percent short, and 30 percent adequate.

Crop progress for week ending 10/08/06

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, harvested	100	100	99	98
Cotton, open bolls	100	99	98	97
Cotton, harvested	77	58	49	46
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	96	95	100	98
Peanuts, harvested	42	29	--	--
Rice, mature	100	100	100	100
Rice, harvested	96	91	91	89
Soybeans, turning color	100	100	100	99
Soybeans, dropping leaves	100	98	99	96
Soybeans, harvested	96	91	90	76
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	75	60	69	64
Winter Wheat, planted	25	19	--	33
Winter Wheat, emerged	9	4	--	6

Crop condition for week ending 10/08/06

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	24	20	20	29	7
Pasture	23	24	22	31	0
Peanuts	1	2	22	67	8

Comments

“We had excellent weather for harvesting crops. Yields vary from field to field.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“Harvesting continues for cotton. The yields are still running at about 600-650 pounds. A new hatching of fall armyworms happened last weekend in green fields.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Soybean and cotton harvests are progressing. Fall tillage has begun.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“The harvest is approaching completion thanks to big machines and good harvesting weather. Cotton gins will be finishing up over the next month, with some completing their ginnings before Halloween. Wheat acres will be completed soon with field preparation and planting in progress.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Dry conditions continue to plague those trying to plant winter grazing crops. Currently there is not enough moisture to germinate and sustain ryegrass. A few spotted showers were reported but they were very isolated. We need rain.”

— Victor Lee, Simpson

“Cotton is maturing and should be ready for picking within the next two weeks. Beef cattle producers are cutting hay as well as over-seeding ryegrass in some pastures.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

“A few warmer days during the week renewed forage growth. Hay harvesting is virtually complete. There have been reports of timber harvesting due to pine beetle damage.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha

“Our area is getting dry again. Cool season crops that were planted need rain to continue developing and emerging. Pastures and hay fields are again shutting down.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Over the past week we have had great weather conditions for harvesting. Soybean and cotton harvests are just about completed. Yields are below average. We need rain badly for planting cool season grazing crops.”

— Otis L. Davis, Madison

“Most producers don't have enough moisture to get their wheat growing. Some are planning for rain, but hope that it doesn't come until their crop is out.”

— Mack Young, Quitman

“The hot, dry weather returned. October temperatures reached into the 90's, sending pastures back into a drought situation. Armyworms infested the young tender grass that emerged from the rains received three weeks ago. Producers are realizing that the grazing season is coming to an end and hay supplies are at 65 % of normal. Some herd liquidation will continue into the early winter.”

— Mike Howell, Lee

“Harvest work is quickly coming to an end. Without any rain, the soybean harvest will be completed by October 15. Most cotton producers will finish harvesting by that same date. Much of the fall tillage work has been accomplished. Wheat acreage will be up and most of the land is ready for planting.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

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“Winter grazing is being hit by armyworms. Producers need to continue to keep an eye out for this problem. Cotton harvests are progressing well. I still say, ‘Cotton yields are going to be better than earlier projections.’ We need some rain on our winter grazing. Fields are germinating well, but need rain to survive. There is some rain in the forecast for next week. Hopefully that prediction will happen.”

— Bill Maily, Hinds

“Most ryegrass has been planted, but will need a rain very soon to survive.”

— Mark Gillie, Greene

(Additional comments appear at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/cwyears.htm>)

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 10/08/06													
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Plan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
Upper Delta													
Cleveland	95	44	73	68	5	0.00	-0.47	0	3.32				
Lambert	97	45	74			0.00	-0.63	0	3.46				
Tunica	91	48	74	67	7	0.00	-0.63	0	2.33				
Extreme/Average	97	44	73	67	6	0.00	-0.63	0	3.39				
North-Central													
Calhoun City	88	44	69	66	3	0.00	-0.65	0	9.21				
Hickory Flat	89	41	69	65	4	0.00	-0.72	0	5.15				
Independence	89	41	68	65	3	0.00	-0.66	0	4.05				
Oxford	91	40	70	65	5	0.00	-0.79	0	4.30				
Extreme/Average	91	40	70	66	4	0.00	-0.73	0	0.00				
Northeast													
Booneville	92	48	71	65	6	0.00	-0.72	0	3.85				
Iuka	88	40	65	62	3	0.00	-0.78	0	1.33				
Ripley	86	43	66	64	2	0.00	-0.72	0	7.16				
Tupelo	91	56	73			0.00	0.00	0	2.84				
Verona	92	44	70	66	4	0.00	-0.72	0	7.40				
Extreme/Average	92	40	68	65	3	0.00	-0.76	0	7.40				
Lower Delta													
Moorhead	92	46	74	70	4	0.36	-0.35	1	5.65				
Rolling Fork	96	47	75	69	6	0.00	-0.81	0	1.86				
Stoneville	96	45	74	68	6	0.00	-0.70	0	2.72				
Yazoo City	93	44	72	70	2	0.00	-0.81	0	2.90				
Extreme/Average	96	44	73	69	4	0.12	-0.65	0	0.00				
Central													
Canton	93	43	72	68	4	0.00	-0.70	0	3.21				
Carthage	93	43	71	67	4	0.00	-0.70	0	2.31				
Eupora	90	43	70	66	4	0.00	-0.80	0	7.29				
Lexington	92	42	72	67	5	0.06	-0.64	1	4.04				
Extreme/Average	93	42	71	67	4	0.02	-0.72	0	3.63				
East-Central													
Aberdeen	90	49	71	66	5	0.00	-0.84	0	4.61				
Houston	90	44	71	65	6	0.02	-0.70	1	11.31				
Philadelphia				68		0.00	-0.70	0	1.92				
State University	92	40	69	67	2	0.00	-0.72	0	4.65				
Extreme/Average	92	40	70	67	3	0.00	-0.73	0	4.63				
Southwest													
Crystal Springs	96	50	75	70	5	0.00	-0.80	0	3.98				
Natchez	92	48	73	70	3	0.15	-0.69	1	1.70				
Oakley	95	56	77	68	9	0.10	-0.59	1	1.53				
Vicksburg	94	46	73			0.00	0.00	0	2.15				
Extreme/Average	96	46	73	69	4	0.08	-0.69	1	0.00				
South-Central													
Collins	91	49	74	69	5	0.00	-0.80	0	4.40				
Columbia	93	51	76	70	6	0.00	-0.78	0	3.19				
Tylertown	92	50	74	71	3	0.00	-0.84	0	4.19				
Extreme/Average	93	49	75	69	6	0.00	-0.77	0	3.80				
Southeast													
Beaumont						0.00	0.00	0	0.00				
Hattiesburg	92	50	74	70	4	0.04	-0.74	1	3.32				
Laurel	93	49	75	69	6	0.02	-0.72	1	2.35				
Newton	96	38	71	67	4	0.00	-0.72	0	1.75				
Extreme/Average	96	38	73	69	4	0.01	-0.72	1	2.35				
Coastal													
Gulfport	88	58	77	73	4	0.00	-0.80	0	4.71				
Pascagoula 3 NE				71		0.00	-0.96	0	4.81				
Picayune	93	53	77	71	6	0.00	-0.80	0	1.10				
Extreme/Average	93	53	77	72	5	0.00	-0.81	0	0.00				
State	97	38	72	68	4	0.03	-0.71	0	4.03				

DFN = Departure from Normal.